

Amateur Commission Issues Players' Agreements to Secretaries of Leagues

SECRETARIES HAVE AGREEMENTS FOR AMATEUR PLAYERS

Leagues and Comm Hold Copies Contracts.

TAKES EFFECT WHEN RECEIVED BY SECRETARY

Stipulates That No Remuneration Be Given Or Received.

Agreement blanks which every baseball player who performs with teams under the Amateur Baseball Commission, the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, and the National Association of Amateur Football players, have been printed and are now in the hands of the secretaries of the leagues. The agreements are to be officially known as the "players' agreement," and are to be signed in duplicate by him. The original copy will be filed with the secretary of the commission.

A stipulation is made to the effect that the player will not receive any money or article of value for his services, nor will he play on any other club under the commission during the line of the agreement. The final clause provides that all rules of the organization will be strictly adhered to by the player. One witness to the signature of the player is necessary.

It is the consensus of opinion that this agreement thoroughly binds the player to the club with which he originally signs, and that their adoption by teams operating under the amateur body will make for fair dealing between players, their leagues, and the commission.

PLANS PROCEDURE WHICH SHOULD WIN

Would Have Ball Players Become Acclimated to Warm Weather Prevalent Here—Pitcher's Box Will Be Leveled Off With Home Plate.

ZAPONE TO LEAVE ANOTHER YEAR ON OARSMEN BOARD

Annual Regatta to Be Held at Peoria August 9 and 10.

Claude R. Zappone, of this city, continues for another year on the board of governors of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen.

The association met in New York, in addition to the election of officers it was decided to hold the annual regatta at Peoria on August 9 and 10.

Mr. Putnam, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Peoria, spoke on behalf of the course in that city, while "Fred" R. Fortmeyer, secretary of the association, favored Saratoga.

An application was also forwarded from Lake Champlain at Burlington, Vt., and in the vote Peoria received six votes, Saratoga three and Burlington two. According to Mr. Putnam, oarsmen should find the course very suitable for the regatta. It is on a wide part of the Illinois river with a current of less than one mile an hour, and there is little or no traffic at the point. In addition excellent hotel accommodations are to be had, while the advantage points for spectators are also at that could be desired.

The following regatta days were announced: American Rowing Association, at Philadelphia, March 25; Harlem Regatta Association, at New York, May 15; People's Regatta, at Philadelphia, June 15; Hudson River Amateur Rowing Association, at New York, July 12; Hackensack River Rowing Association at Hackensack, N. J., July 4; the three regattas of the New England Amateur Rowing Association, July 4, September 2, and October 12; Middle States Regatta, at Philadelphia, July 12; Central States Regatta, at Philadelphia, July 12; Southwestern Regatta, at Philadelphia, July 12; Eastern Regatta, at Philadelphia, July 12.

These present at the meeting were: James Polkington, president; Frederick Schuyler, secretary; Claude R. Zappone, of Washington; J. D. Denore, of St. Paul; Arthur Webster, of Detroit; Harold P. Spradell, of Boston; John P. Coogan, of Springfield; Henry T. Burke, of Philadelphia; and John O. Regan, of New York.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

A St. Patrick Madrigal.

Wagner, the Dutchman, is there with the stick; Bender, the Indian, stands high in his role; Larry, the Frenchman, is there with the "kick"—Who has the edge on Konechey, the Pole? These are the guys who can hit, field and run, Grabbing the laurel from off Erin's brow; But, when the rest of your boasting is done, Who are the leaders out showing 'em how?

Brennan, Doolin and Mack, Jennings, McGraw and O'Day—Leading the storming attack, Framing the soul of the fray; Callahan, Wolverton, Griffin, McAleer—all in the scrum; The French and the Dutch may be bitters and such, But the Irish are still on the map.

Schulte, the German, can wallop the pill; Wallace, the Scot, covers acres of ground; Johnson, the Swede, is a bear on the hill; Marsons, the Cuban, is there on the bound. Take it from me, they are all to the juke; But, ere you heave all the laurel away, Ponder a bit while the subject is loose—Who are the managers leading the way?

Callahan, Mack and McGraw, McAleer, Griffin, O'Day; Helting the ump on the jaw, Mixing the style of the play; Brennan, Doolin and Mack, Jennings, the Tigerline flame; The Swede and the Scot may be there with the swat, But the Irish are still in the game.

The Value of Talent.

Human flesh when cast in the mold of a star ball player is worth a trifle more than its weight in golden bullion—with the accent off the first syllable. It is worth, as a matter of considerable fact, a good bit more than it brings in open market.

How much does one figure Mathewson is worth to the Giants as a financial personality? Or Cobb to the Tigers? Or Wagner to Pittsburgh? Or Ed Walsh to Chicago? Or Walter Johnson to Washington?

If Cobb, Mathewson, and Wagner are not worth \$30,000 a season each, they are not worth a kopeck or a yen. But if any ball club attempted to pay a star his due, the resultant roar from a good many athletes upon the same club would shake off the roof. Or at least this is one alibi which club owners are willing to present.

The Big Cards.

It would be interesting to know how much Cobb, Mathewson, etc., are responsible for at the gate. Considerable coin, take it from the box office, which you can't.

The list of those who are potent enough to entice extra kale from the populace as individual cards is thin. There are only a few from the 200 or 400 entries mixed in the frolic each year. A summary of the lot shows this line-up from kale-producing stardom:

National League—Mathewson, Marquard, New York; Wagner, Pittsburgh; Alexander, Philadelphia; Brown, Chicago; Rucker, Brooklyn.
American League—Chase and Ford, New York; Walsh, Chicago; Johnson, Washington; Cobb, Detroit; Lajoie, Jackson, and Gregg, Cleveland; Collins, Baker, Bender, Philadelphia; Wood, Boston.

Collegiate Boxing.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—In connection with the annual circus in the Pennsylvania gymnasium there will be an intercollegiate boxing contest between the Quakers and a team of Princeton boxers. Columbia was invited to send a team, but could not accept.

At the close of the game all three who scored will be lifted up into the air, thus enabling the largest crowds to leave the park within a very few minutes. There will be no little gates for them to file through in single file, as was the style in former years.

Huge signs will be erected near Seventh street. These will be opened when the ticket booths are ready for business, and will be closed after the fans have departed from the park.

Both Visit Camp.

Secretary Benjamin S. Miner and Business Secretary William H. Fowler visited Griffith Hall yesterday to complete a few details with Manager Griffith for the coming season. Both men left on an evening train for the Capital, expressing themselves as well satisfied with the outlook.

Sunday was a decidedly peaceful day for the Nationals. Being St. Patrick's Day, many were little green slugs, and a few, notably Tom Hughes, the veteran twirler, strutted about with a marvelous green creation under his chin. More than half of the squad went to church in the morning, and took short walks in the afternoon in order to get up sharp appetites for the chicken dinner in the evening. "Husk" Cashion and E. "Dorf" Ansinth, the "bear battery," succeeded in working up the best appetite, but were followed closely by Joe Boehling, "Cotton" Johnson, and Jerry Akers.

Tom Long, the "Gadsden Gallop-er," had a narrow escape from what might have been a serious injury just after dinner. Some of the boys ran out to catch the car for downtown and he was the last in the procession. The car, though it belongs right here in Charlottesville and has hitherto borne a good reputation, was speeding down a slight grade when Long tried to make a flying leap upon the rear platform. The footing was soft ashes and he fell, being dragged some ten feet over the ties before he thought of letting go. Trainer Mike Martin attended to a multiplicity of scratches and bruises on his right leg and pronounced him ready for another attempt. Lloyd F. Gaines and John L. Hayes, two young dyed-in-the-wool fans from Washington, being desirous of seeing just how big leaguers prepare for heroic doings on the diamond, accompanied Griffith Hall, made the acquaintance of a number of the stars in the roster, added a while to the list, and listened to the graphophone, watched G. Erminie Schaefer hand three successive trimmings to a certain round sporting writer on a checker board, and left for the Capital highly delighted with their trip. Beginning today they will make official announcements concerning the coming season at the Florida avenue ball yard.

Old Office Gone.

The old ticket offices, an eyesore for so many years, have been wiped out, to be replaced by six little ticket booths, situated three on a side in what was the runway to the entrance last year. All wooden fences have been replaced by a wire screen. No carriages will be allowed to come into this space.

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FOURTEEN BALLS CONSTITUTE FRAME IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Full Pyramid Done Away With According to Amendment.

Professional pocket billiards, as it will be played in the tournament for the national championship, to be held in Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia, from March 25 to April 6, inclusive, will present a new departure from what was heretofore designated continuous pool.

Excepting on what will probably be rare occasions after the opening stroke of each contest, there will be no breaking of frames from inside the string. Furthermore, there will be no more full pyramids of fifteen balls. The Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, promoters of the event, have decided to adopt for it the scheme of ending operations on each frame when fourteen balls have been pocketed. This decision was reached after a series of experimental tests of the possibilities of the innovation.

The playing rules formerly governing continuous pool will apply in contests where they do not conflict with amendments designed to define and regularize the style of game to be played and to make more explicit the definition of fouls, together with the procedure to be followed when they happen. These amendments are as follows:

Only fourteen balls are to be pocketed in the last frame, after which these fourteen balls are to be replaced on the table in triangular form as at the beginning of the game, without interfering with the fifteen (unpocketed) ball nor the cue ball, both of which must remain in the positions occupied after the fourteenth ball is pocketed. The player then continues his run. This same procedure is followed in each succeeding frame.

Should either the cue ball or object ball left on the table interfere with the spotting of the fourteen balls in triangular form, the ball thus interfering must be placed on the spot at the opposite end of the table.

Should both balls interfere at the same time, the fifteen balls are then spotted on the table as at the commencement of the game, and the player must play from within the string at the head of the table.

Walsh and Peters Do Well for White Sox

WACO, Tex., March 18.—The Chicago White Sox celebrated St. Patrick's Day by trouncing the Dallas Giants, 7 to 4, and making a lightning dash for the train returning to Waco for further practice today. Walsh and Peters led all the kinks out of their pitching arm.

FAIRMOUNT PARK AUTOMOBILE RACE MAY BE ABANDONED

Commissioners to Meet and Will Discuss the Classy Racing Event.

By HARRY WARD.

The fate of the Fairmount Park road race, one of the classic events on the motor calendar of this country, is still in the balance. The park commissioners of Philadelphia will meet next month, and at that time it is believed a final decision will be reached as to the advisability of running the 200-mile event scheduled for next October. Followers of the racing game in this city, as well as the enthusiasts and racing drivers throughout the country, are eagerly awaiting the decision of the commissioners.

Some of the commissioners, it is known, are opposed to the race, and in order to put in convincing proofs why the race should be run again, the Quaker City Motor Club, promoter of the event, has asked that it be allowed to send a representative to the meeting. This representative will tell of the wonderful crowds that came to Philadelphia to witness the running of the last four races and the splendid way in which the course was policed.

Apparently the other man's game looks easier than their own to two famous pugilists, for Ray Bronson, claimant of the welterweight championship, and Ad Wolgast, the world's champion lightweight, have come out simultaneously with the announcement that they are intending to enter the automobile racing game as professionals. Both are expert drivers at the present time, as both have machines of their own and have been infected with the speed mania for two or three years. Although the two boxers belong in entirely different divisions in the pugilistic game, they are planning to participate in a sport in which weight requirements, as far as men are concerned, do not count.

The rumor that the American Automobile Association was planning to discontinue the Glidden trophy and substitute another trophy for the annual reliability tour of the three A's has prompted John R. Thomas, of this city, to register a protest against such action. In a letter to President R. P. Hooper, of the three A's, Mr. Thomas said:

"As I am an enthusiastic motorist, and also actively engaged in the automobile business, I feel that it is my duty to enter a protest against the proposed discontinuance of the Glidden Tour. I feel that the Glidden Tour and the prestige of winning the Glidden trophy has been of inestimable benefit to the automobile industry, and motorists the world over are beginning to look upon it as an institution. I do not know of any other event in the automobile world which is watched with keener interest than the Glidden Tour, and I believe it would be a great mistake to discontinue it."



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